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FOR ASSTY SECY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR XM
SUBJECT: ARA WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS CABLE

1. YOUR SERIES OF WEEKLY COMMENTARIES IS BOUND TO BE ESPECIALLY WELCOME IN PLACES LIKE GEORGETOWN WHICH IS GENERALLY WELL OUTSIDE THE MAINSTREAM OF ARA ACTIVITY AND WHERE ONE CAN EASILY BECOME DISORIENTED ON THRUST OF EVENTS AND USG POLICY WITHIN THE AREA. COUPLED WITH MONTHLY LETTERS AND ACCOMPANYING POLICY DOCUMENTS, THE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS PROVIDE THE BACKGROUND TO ENABLE AMBASSADOR TO INTERACT WITH HIS HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITHOUT PUTTING FOOT IN MOUTH OR APPEARING UNACCEPTABLY IGNORANT.

2. SELECTION OF TOPICS AND LENGTH, AS REFLECTED IN FIRST TWO CABLES, WAS JUST ABOUT RIGHT. ONE FACTOR TO BEAR IN MIND IS THAT ANY TOPIC WHICH RECEIVES HEAVY MEDIA PLAY IN U.S. IS LIKELY TO BE ECHOED IN LOCAL MEDIA AND IS THEREFORE PRIMA FACIE A MATTER ON WHICH OFFICIAL VERSION OF FACTS PLUS POLICY GUIDANCE WILL FILL A REAL NEED.
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